

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Secretary of the Commonwealth

OF

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955



EDWARD J. CRONIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 1, 1955.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, Section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955. This report also includes the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of the General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1955.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. CRONIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

1955 SESSION OF THE GENERAL COURT

In previous reports I have included a brief summary of such legislation as was enacted during the next prior session of the General Court which was of particular application or interest to the administration of the office of the State Secretary.

During the 1955 session of the General Court there were several measures enacted which are of such general interest and a brief abstract of the same is contained in the following summary.

1955 STATUTES RELATIVE TO ELECTIONS

Chapter 67. Relative to Listing of Persons in Cities and Towns.

Allows the Registrars of Voters discretion when listing persons in regard to inserting the age or the date of birth.

Chapter 123. Relative to the Oath of Office of certain District Officers.

Provides that district officers shall take the oath of office in the town in which they reside.

Chapter 138. An Act to Modify the Law Relating to Pre-Primary Conventions and the Organization of Political Committees.

Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the act change the date when state, ward and town committees shall take office and hold their organization meetings from June 1 to May 15.

Section 4 sets the date of the state conventions. They shall be held not earlier than June 5 and not later than June 20.

Chapter 176. Relative to the Securing of Information concerning Persons Residing at Inns, Lodging Houses and Public Lodging Houses.

This chapter simplifies the procedure.

Chapter 218. Authorizing the Establishment of Boards of Election Commissioners and Defining their Powers and Duties.

These boards may be established by vote of the city councils in cities and by vote of the town in towns.

Chapter 221. Requiring that a Request for Withdrawal from Nomination by a Candidate for Office be Acknowledged before a Notary Public.

Chapter 222. Regulating the Filling of a Vacancy in the Office of Mayor in Cities having a Plan B form of City Charter.

Chapter 249. Increasing the Number of Signatures required on the Nomination Papers for Representative in Congress.

Prior to the passage of this act the number of signatures on primary papers by candidates for Congressmen was 250. It is now 500.

Chapter 256. Authorizing the use of the words "Candidate for Re-election" on certain official ballots.

Provides that the words "Candidate for Re-election" shall be placed after the names of all incumbent candidates for the same office at state and city elections. This has been procedure in towns for many years.

Chapter 266. Relative to the Distribution of Pastors or Stickers at Polling Places.

Provides that pastors or stickers cannot be distributed within 150 feet of the entrance to the polling place.

Chapter 288. Relative to Certificates of Nominations.

Section 1 provides that on certificates of nomination written acceptance of candidate is required except by candidate for presidential elector.

Section 2 provides that the surnames of candidates for President and Vice-President shall be furnished to the State Secretary by the chairman of state political committees not later than the second Tuesday in November.

Chapter 321. Extending the provisions of Absentee Voting to certain Civilian Employees of the United States.

Provides that civilian employees of the United States have the same status in regard to Absent Voting as do members of the armed forces.

LAWS RELATIVE TO CORPORATIONS ENACTED IN 1955 AFFECTING THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Chapter 290.

This act requires all corporations organized under chapter 180 of the General Laws except churches and religious organizations to file annual reports with the State Secretary.

Chapter 338.

This act clarifies section 55 of Chapter 156 regarding the filing fees for certain amendments.

Chapter 360.

This act provides for service of process on non-residents doing business in the Commonwealth by service on the State Secretary.

Chapter 490.

Provides for the recording of incorporation of churches and cemetery corporations organized before filing was required.

GENERAL LEGISLATION

INSURANCE OF STATE EMPLOYEES

In the last annual report I suggested that a system of life and disability insurance should be instituted for all persons in the service of the commonwealth in keeping with the policy of the federal government. On November 3, 1954 a bill to accomplish this purpose was included in the recommendations for legislation sent by this office to the incoming legislature. Later the Governor and the employees organizations made recommendations along similar lines. As the first proponent it gives me much satisfaction to report the passage and approval of Chapter 628 of the

Acts of 1955 which establishes such a system and provides \$2,000 protection to all in the service of the state who do not expressly refuse such coverage, the premiums to be paid one half by the state and one half by the insured. There is further provision for extension of \$1,000 insurance after retirement, the premiums to be paid by deduction from retirement pay. Massachusetts is first among the 48 states in this. The coverage should be increased on a voluntary basis to an amount based more nearly upon the immediate needs of a bereaved family under modern standards.

As a result of this legislation it appears likely that county and municipal personnel will be benefited under a pending bill permitting the governmental unit concerned to pay a portion of insurance premiums.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

This office recommended to the General Court that a survey be made of all public offices of the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to provide for a uniform records management system in keeping with the necessities arising from problems of storing and cataloguing the great mass of accumulated material which has been gathered in all governmental units. The General Court has by Chapter 104 of the Resolves provided for such a study of the agencies of the commonwealth by the Secretary and the Commissioner of Administration and Finance and a report to the next session of the General Court. This is perhaps a preliminary step towards a much needed uniform system of records management.

RECOMMENDATIONS

As provided in General Laws, Chapter 31, Sections 32 and 33, each department head must file such recommendations as embrace legislative proposals through this office for transmission to the General Court on or before the first Wednesday of November of each calendar year. This department likewise must file such recommendations as require legislation on the same day. In compliance therewith, I shall file such recommendations and reasons in support thereof with the clerk of the House of Representatives on November 2, 1954.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES IN DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955

ACCOUNTS FINANCES OF DEPARTMENT

The subjoined financial statements set forth the receipts and disbursements of the Department of the State Secretary for the fiscal year 1954-1955.

It is noted that the receipts, \$937,577.55, exceed the expenditures of \$756,425.77 by \$181,151.78 though the disbursements include the election expenses of the 1954 state election. It is the first time that receipts have exceeded expenses in a year when general election expenses were incurred and this establishes the fact that this department is self sustaining. This is due to moderate increases in corporate filing fees enacted by the General Court on the recommendation of this department.

August 9, 1955.

To the Secretary of the Commonwealth:

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, all of which were paid into the Treasury daily and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council as required by General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 9, Section 1.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Commissions | | \$ 31,323 00 |
| Corporations | | 815,824 27 |
| Limited Partnerships | | 470 00 |
| Labels, Trade Marks, etc. | | 6,200 00 |
| Sale of Books | | 22,081 09 |
| Certificates | | 3,741 00 |
| Military Records | | 18 60 |
| Advance Sheets | | 2,990 00 |
| Vital Statistics | | 7,671 50 |
| Copies—Archives | \$ 3,306 72 | |
| Corporation | 23,661 95 | 26,968 67 |
| Trust Receipts | | 8,625 00 |
| Liens | | 249 00 |
| Declaration of Trust | | 10,950 00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 465 42 |
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| | | \$937,577 55 |

Financial Statement Verified

Date: August 12, 1955

Approved for Publishing, RALPH E. HOUGHTON, *Acting Comptroller.*

EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 1955

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| 0501-01 | Secretary's Salary | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | \$ | 9,000 | 00 |
| 0501-02 | Administration | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 340,433 | 32 |
| 0501-10 | Decennial Census | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 12,338 | 77 |
| 0502-01 | Archives and Photostatic Copies | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 6,561 | 51 |
| 0502-02 | Journals of the House | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2,250 | 00 |
| 0503-01 | Printing Acts and Resolves | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 39,419 | 95 |
| 0503-02 | Decisions of Supreme Court | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 12,753 | 30 |
| 0503-03 | Printing Public Documents | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 5,220 | 64 |
| 0504-01 | Primaries and Other Elections | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 314,121 | 00 |
| 0504-04 | Lists of Candidates | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 12,854 | 98 |
| 0505-01 | Medical Examiners Fees | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,472 | 30 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | \$ | 756,425 77 |

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures \$181,151.78.

ANNUAL REPORTS

On or before the first Wednesday of December in each fiscal year every state officer, department, board and commission which is required by law to file an annual report must deposit such report with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The only exceptions are in the few cases where some other date is specifically provided by law for the filing of a report.

During 1954, pursuant to this requirement, the following officers, departments, boards and commissions filed annual reports on or before the first Wednesday of December, 1954:—

Department of the Attorney-General, 1954
 Department of Public Health, 1954
 Department of Public Safety, 1954
 Lowell Technological Institute, 1954
 Division of Registration (Department of Civil Service and Registration), 1954
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section A, Co-operative Banks and Savings and Loan Agencies, 1954
 Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing, 1954
 State Examiners of Electricians, 1954
 Board of Registration in Pharmacy, 1954
 Labor Relations Commission, 1954
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries), 1954
 Board of Registration of Certified Public Accountants, 1954
 Trustees, State Library, 1954
 Directory of Labor Organizations (Department of Labor and Industries), 1954

Subsequent to legal filing date, the following reports were received:—

Division on the Necessaries of Life (Department of Labor and Industries), 1954
 Division of Standards (Department of Labor and Industries), 1954
 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1948
 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1949
 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1950
 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1951
 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1952
 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1954
 Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1954
 Department of Natural Resources, 1954
 University of Massachusetts, 1954
 Purchasing Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance), 1954
 Department of the Auditor, 1954
 Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine, 1954
 Board of Registration in Optometry, 1954
 Appellate Tax Board, 1954
 Division of Statistics (Department of Labor and Industries), 1953
 Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry), 1953
 Trustees, Myles Standish State School, 1953
 Trustees, Myles Standish State School, 1954
 Trustees, Walter E. Fernald State School, 1952
 Trustees, Walter E. Fernald State School, 1953
 Trustees, Walter E. Fernald State School, 1954
 Trustees, Monson State Hospital, 1948
 Trustees, Monson State Hospital, 1949
 Trustees, Monson State Hospital, 1954
 Trustees, Northampton State Hospital, 1952
 Trustees, Northampton State Hospital, 1954
 Trustees, Medfield State Hospital, 1953
 Trustees, Gardner State Hospital, 1953
 Trustees, Gardner State Hospital, 1954
 Trustees, Foxborough State Hospital, 1951

Trustees, Foxborough State Hospital, 1952
Trustees, Foxborough State Hospital, 1953
Trustees, Metropolitan State Hospital, 1953
Trustees, Metropolitan State Hospital, 1954
Trustees, Boston Psychopathic Hospital, 1951
Trustees, Belchertown State School, 1953
Trustees, Belchertown State School, 1954
Trustees, Grafton State Hospital, 1953
Trustees, Grafton State Hospital, 1954
Trustees, Wrentham State School, 1953
Trustees, Westborough State Hospital, 1952
Trustees, Westborough State Hospital, 1953
Trustees, Westborough State Hospital, 1954
Trustees, Taunton State Hospital, 1953
Trustees, Taunton State Hospital, 1954
Trustees, Danvers State Hospital, 1953
Trustees, Danvers State Hospital, 1954
Trustees, Boston State Hospital, 1954
Trustees, Worcester State Hospital, 1953
Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section C, Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings, 1953
Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section D, Trust Companies and Certain Other Financial Institutions, 1953
Statistics of County Finances (Department of Corporations and Taxation, Bureau of Accounts), 1953
Youth Service Board, 1952
Youth Service Board, 1953
Department of Agriculture, 1953
Department of Education, Part 1, 1954
Department of Education, Part 2, 1954
Comptroller's Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance), 1954
Department of Correction, 1949
Department of Correction, 1950
Department of Correction, 1951
Department of Correction, 1952
Division of Apprentice Training (Department of Labor and Industries), 1954
Commission Against Discrimination, 1954
Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, 1954
Division of Fisheries and Game, 1954
Metropolitan District Assessments (Treasurer and Receiver-General), 1954
Judicial Council of Massachusetts, 1954
State Reclamation Board (Department of Agriculture), 1954
Finance Commission of the City of Boston, 1954
Department of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, 1954
State Airport Management Board, 1954
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, 1952
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, 1953
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, 1954
State Racing Commission, 1954
Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section B, Credit Unions, 1954
Police Commissioner for the City of Boston, 1954
Division of Library Extension (Department of Education), 1954
Port of Boston Commission, 1954
University of Massachusetts, 1952
Bureau of Loan Agencies (Division of Banks and Loan Agencies), 1954

ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, there have been made 14 military certificates; 15 typewritten copies; 68,932 photostatic copies of legislative records, maps, plans, corporation records, and veterans' discharges.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 167, as amended, providing for the filing in the Secretary's Office of a statement by persons who represent petitioners for pardons, paroles, commutations of or respites from sentences, thirty-six (36) persons have so filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 152, as amended, providing for the filing of certified copies of petitions for pardons, paroles, and commutations of sentences, together with other documents pertaining thereto, one hundred and forty-five (145) cases have been received and filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 264, Section 14, providing for the taking of an oath by every person entering the service of the Commonwealth and the filing of such oath in the office of the Secretary, approximately 23,500 oaths have been received and filed.

It is imperative that additional space be allocated to the Archives in order that the records of the Commonwealth be properly safeguarded and the public be adequately served.

COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1955 was 5,362, of which 839 were without fee and 78 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:

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| Notaries Public | 4,356 |
| Justices of the Peace | 140 |
| Justices of the Peace designated to solemnize marriages | 8 |
| Justices of the Peace to issue warrants and take bail | 8 |
| Associate Justice, Superior Court | 1 |
| Judge of Probate and Insolvency, Suffolk County | 1 |
| Justice, District Court of Brockton | 1 |
| Justice, District Court of Natick | 1 |
| Justice, District Court of Franklin | 1 |
| Justice, Third District Court of Eastern Middlesex | 1 |
| Justice, Second District Court of Eastern Worcester | 1 |
| Special Justice, District Court of Springfield | 1 |
| Special Justice, East Boston District Court | 1 |
| Special Justice, First District Court of Northern Middlesex | 1 |
| Special Justice, Second District Court of Eastern Worcester | 1 |
| Special Justice, District Court of Western Norfolk | 1 |
| Special Justice, Municipal Court, City of Boston | 1 |
| Register of Probate and Insolvency, Norfolk County | 1 |
| District Attorney, Plymouth County | 1 |
| Clerks, District Courts | 5 |
| Masters in Chancery | 12 |
| Public Administrators | 9 |
| Medical Examiners | 10 |
| Associate Medical Examiners | 13 |
| Commissioners to qualify Public Officers | 7 |
| Special State Police Officers | 53 |
| Trustees, Commissioners, etc. | 246 |
| Public Warehouse Licenses | 26 |
| Commissions issued to non-resident clergymen | 454 |
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| | 5,362 |

Certificates to the number of 11,491 were issued, of which 3,482 were for certificates for which no fees are charged. Forty-seven persons re-registered as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 7B; and eight persons paid penalty fees as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 13.

CORPORATION DIVISION

Rooms 333 and 334

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, was 4,476. Said certificates of incorporation are classified as follows:—

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Business | 4,017 |
| Religious, charitable, social, etc. | 413 |
| Fraternal beneficiary | 4 |
| Church | 18 |
| Credit union | 10 |
| Insurance | 8 |
| Trust company | 2 |
| Cooperative bank | 3 |
| Savings bank | 1 |

The number of certificates of every description filed was 46,859. Said certificates are classified as follows:—

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| Articles of organization of the nine classes of corporations mentioned above | 4,476 |
| Certificate of organization of cemetery corporation | 1 |
| Certificate of organization of religious parish | 1 |
| Business issues | 790 |
| Business increases | 404 |
| Business reductions | 127 |
| Business amendments | 991 |
| Non-business changes of name | 52 |
| Religious, charitable, social etc. amendments | 18 |
| Fraternal beneficiary amendments | 2 |
| Gas and electric company increases | 2 |
| Gas and electric company reductions | 5 |
| Gas and electric company amendment | 1 |
| Water company increases | 2 |
| Trust company increases | 2 |
| Insurance company increases | 2 |
| Insurance company amendment | 1 |
| Railway merger | 1 |
| Business consolidations | 25 |
| Business mergers | 7 |
| Insurance merger | 1 |
| Conditions | 32,161 |
| Social and athletic corporation reports | 3,130 |
| Foreign increases | 23 |
| Foreign reductions | 82 |
| Foreign powers of attorney by person or partnership | 8 |

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| Trust receipt financing statements | 2,880 |
| Liens | 83 |
| Voluntary association trust reports | 1,095 |
| Trade-marks | 249 |
| Assignments of trade-marks | 19 |
| Description of marks—(milk) | 1 |
| Limited partnerships | 47 |
| Gas and electric company approvals of issue, etc. | 14 |
| Water company approvals of issue, etc. | 3 |
| Railroad and street railway approvals of issue, etc. | 4 |
| Contracts of railroad and street railway companies | 6 |
| Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corporations (covering 1,551 corporations) | 14 |
| Petition for surrender of charter and dissolution | 1 |
| Certificates of revival of corporations | 96 |
| Certificates of consent to change of location of social and athletic corporations | 28 |
| Special act creating corporation | 1 |
| Certificates of conversion of cooperative banks | 2 |
| Certificate relative to adoption of Act | 1 |
| Non-business charter withheld | 1 |
| Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn | 9 |
| Non-business applications for change of name withdrawn | 2 |
| Certified copies supplied | 6,828 |
| Special certificates supplied | 889 |

EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ISSUED BY
HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR, DURING
THE FISCAL YEAR 1954-1955

During the year from July 1, 1954 to and through June 30, 1955 there were eight (8) Executive Orders and twelve (12) Administrative Orders issued by Governor Herter, the original copies of which are on file in the Archives.

The subject matter thereof is briefly summarized here for convenient reference.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS ISSUED DURING 1954-55

| No. | DATE ISSUED | SUBJECT |
|--------|---------------|--|
| 22 | Sept. 2, 1954 | Sale of perishable food permitted on Sunday and Monday, September 5 and 6, 1954, because of impairment and dislocation of refrigeration facilities caused by the hurricane of August 31, 1954. |
| 23 | Sept. 3, 1954 | Re-issuance of licenses, permits, or certificates of registration by the Commonwealth, its agencies, and political sub-divisions without a fee when the loss of same due to the hurricane of August 31, 1954. |
| 24 | Nov. 9, 1954 | Certain persons authorized to travel during a Red Alert who were not previously so authorized. Certain changes made in the identification system established by Executive Order No. 14. Additional powers conferred upon the State Director of Civil Defense relative to the movement of vehicles and persons. |
| 25 | Jan. 3, 1955 | Each department, independent division, board, commission and independent institution of the government of the Commonwealth to make appropriate plans for the protection of its personnel, equipment, supplies, records and documents, and for carrying on such of its normal functions that may be needed in event of an enemy attack. Certain departments assigned responsibility for certain Civil Defense Services. Assignments of responsibilities heretofore made by Executive Orders Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11; and Administrative Orders Nos. 2, 7, and 9 are superseded except when not inconsistent herewith. |
| 26 | Jan. 7, 1955 | Certain Civil Defense Areas and Sectors established. |
| Letter | June 2, 1955 | Executive Order No. 25, Section 3, amended by substituting the words "Department of Public Health, Division of Sanitary Engineering" for the words "Metropolitan District Commission." |
| 27 | June 23, 1955 | Regulations governing the conduct of departments, agencies, or political subdivisions of the Commonwealth in a state of emergency declared because of enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action. Executive Orders Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 16 terminated. |
| 28 | June 23, 1955 | Responsibility for the organization and administration of the Ground Observer Corps transferred from the Adjutant General to the Civil Defense Agency. |

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ISSUED DURING 1954-55

| No. | DATE ISSUED | SUBJECT |
|--------|---------------|---|
| 13 | Apr. 22, 1955 | Implementation of Executive Order No. 25, Sections 1 and 2. |
| 14 | Apr. 22, 1955 | The responsibility of the Department of Commerce for the Civil Defense Facilities defined. |
| 15 | Apr. 22, 1955 | The responsibility of the Department of Education for the Civil Defense Education Service defined. |
| 16 | Apr. 22, 1955 | The responsibility of the Division of Employment Security for the Civil Defense Manpower Service defined. |
| 17 | Apr. 22, 1955 | The responsibility of the Department of Public Health for the Civil Defense Medical Service defined. |
| 18 | Apr. 22, 1955 | The responsibility of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Prevention, for the Civil Defense Fire Service defined. |
| 19 | Apr. 22, 1955 | The responsibility of the Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police, for the Civil Defense Police Service defined. |
| 20 | Apr. 22, 1955 | The responsibility of the Department of Public Utilities for the Civil Defense Utilities Service defined. |
| 21 | Apr. 22, 1955 | The responsibility of the Department of Public Welfare for the Civil Defense Welfare Service defined. |
| 22 | Apr. 22, 1955 | The responsibility of the Department of Public Works for the Civil Defense Engineering Service defined. |
| 23 | Apr. 22, 1955 | The responsibility of the Metropolitan District Commission for the Civil Defense Water Service defined. |
| Letter | June 2, 1955 | Administrative Order No. 23, Section 1, amended by substituting the words "Department of Public Health, Division of Sanitary Engineering" for the words "Metropolitan District Commission." |

PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the fiscal year was 51: of which 45 were full and complete; 2 conditional; 2 commutations; 1 remander; 1 conditional discharge from the Bridgewater State Hospital.

There were 108 requisitions issued: of which 93 were upon other States; 10 upon the Secretary of Defense of the United States of America; 1 upon the Secretary of the Air Force of the United States of America; 1 upon the Secretary of the Army of the United States of America; 1 upon the Secretary of State of the United States of America; 2 upon the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States of America.

There were 16 warrants issued upon requisitions from other States.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

Since the 1955 session of the General Court was not concluded on or prior to June 30, 1955 the reports of the expenses of legislative counsel and legislative agents required under chapter 3, General Laws, have not been filed at this office nor will they be filed until after the prorogation of the 1955 session. They will accordingly be incorporated in the annual report for the fiscal year 1955-1956.

PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. Each of the twenty-one (21) annual proclamations required by statute to the number of 10,500 copies each were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1954; Constitution Day, September 17, 1954; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1954; United Nations Day, October 24, 1954; American Education Week, November 7–13, 1954; Veterans Day, November 11, 1954; Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1954; Civil Rights Week, December 8–15, 1954; New Orleans Day, January 8, 1955; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1955; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1955; One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1955; Peter Francisco Day, March 15, 1955; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1955; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1955; Loyalty Day, May 1, 1955; Polish Constitution Day, May 3, 1955; La Fayette Day, May 20, 1955; Memorial Day, May 30, 1955; Flag Day, June 14, 1955 and Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1955.

August 12, 1954 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

For the observance of Arbor and Bird Day, April 29, 1955, 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 3–9, 1954 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

March 11, 1955 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Student Government Day, and 5,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.

A proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor on September 1, 1954 under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, proclaiming that a State of Emergency existed in the Commonwealth by reason of the destruction resulting from the hurricane of August 31, 1954, which caused widespread damage to property and dislocation of utilities and services vital to the well-being of the people of the Commonwealth, and calling upon all the people of the Commonwealth to co-operate with all duly constituted authorities in measures which may be taken to lessen the impact of the disaster.

On September 2, 1954 a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor calling the members of the General Court to assemble in the State House on the seventh day of September, 1954, at 10.30 o'clock in the morning to the end that action may be taken on legislation aimed at the alleviation of the destruction caused by the hurricane of August 31, 1954, which resulted in widespread damage to property and the dislocation of utilities and services vital to the well-being of the people of the Commonwealth, and as it appeared that Chapter 627 of the Acts of 1954 deprived certain veterans of World War I of retirement and other benefits to which they have hitherto been entitled, certain amendments to Chapter 627 of the Acts of 1954 should be effective at the earliest possible moment.

Ninety-six (96) proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press and filed in the Archives, as follows:—National Softball Week, July 11–18, 1954; National Vegetable Week, July 29–August 7, 1954; Emergency March of Dimes, the last two weeks of August, 1954; "Jimmy" Time, September 2–16, 1954; Pray for Peace Week, September 6–12, 1954; Union Label Week, September 6–12, 1954; Worcester Foundation Day, September 8, 1954; American Jewish Tercentenary, period from September 12, 1954 to May 15, 1954; Irish Guards Day, September 13, 1954; Citizenship Day, September 17, 1954; National Home Week, Septem-

ber 18-26, 1954; Roxbury Day, September 25, 1954; Eye Research Month, the month of October, 1954; Restaurant Month, the month of October, 1954; Cranberry Time, the month of October, 1954; National Newspaperboy Day, October 2, 1954; National Letter Writing Week, October 3-9, 1954; National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 3-9, 1954; Emergencies Don't Wait Week, October 4-10, 1954; Direct Mail Week, October 9-16, 1954; Free China Day, October 10, 1954; Business Women's Week, October 10-16, 1954; Oil Progress Week, October 10-16, 1954; National Nurse Week, October 11-16, 1954; Poetry Day, October 15, 1954; Electrical Week, October 18-24, 1954; Credit Union Day, October 21, 1954; Religion in American Life Month, the month of November, 1954; American Art Week, November 1-7, 1954; Mentally Retarded Children's Month, November 14-December 15, 1954; Muscular Dystrophy Research Week, November 21-27, 1954; Toys for Tots Week, November 27-December 4, 1954; Massachusetts Heritage Month, the period of December, 1954; Disabled American Veterans Hospital Day, December 5, 1954; Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1954; Big Day, December 12, 1954; Safe Driving Day, December 15, 1954; March of Dimes Month, the month of January, 1955; George Washington Carver Day, January 5, 1955; Big Brother Week, January 9-16, 1955; YWCA Centennial Week, January 10-17, 1955; Jaycee Week, January 14-21, 1955; Printing and Publishing Week, January 16-23, 1955; National Thrift Week, January 17-23, 1955; YMCA Week, January 23-30, 1955; Civil Service Week, January 24-31, 1955; Junior Achievement Week, January 31-February 5, 1955; American Heart Month, the month of February, 1955; American History Month, the month of February, 1955; Freedom Month, the month of February, 1955; Go to the Movies Month, the month of February, 1955; Boy Scout Week, February 6-12, 1955; Negro History Week, February 6-13, 1955; National Children's Dental Health Week, February 7-12, 1955; National Advertising Week, February 13-19, 1955; Highway Courtesy Week, February 14-20, 1955; Lithuania Independence Day, February 16, 1955; Engineers' Week, February 20-26, 1955; Brotherhood Week, February 20-27, 1955; World Day of Prayer, February 25, 1955; Citizenship Month, March 1-31, 1955; Red Cross Month, March 1-31, 1955; Girl Scout Week, March 6-12, 1955; Save Your Vision Week, March 6-12, 1955; ORT Day, March 8, 1955; Month for Crippled Children and Adults, March 10-April 10, 1955; Big Sister Week, March 13-20, 1955; National Baseball Week, March 19-26, 1955; World Jewish Child's Day, March 20, 1955; National Wildlife Week, March 20-26, 1955; Community Health Week, the week beginning March 21, 1955; Boys' Club Week, March 21-27, 1955; Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1955; Bataan Day, April 9, 1955; Massachusetts Social Hygiene Day, April 27, 1955; Israel Independence Week, the week of April 27, 1955; Cerebral Palsy Month, the month of May, 1955; Mental Health Month, the month of May, 1955; Elks Youth Day, May 1, 1955; National Child Health Day, May 1, 1955; Be Kind to Animals Week, May 2-7, 1955; Massachusetts School Safety Patrol Week, May 7-13, 1955; Massachusetts State Mothers' Week, May 8-14, 1955; Girls' Club Week, May 8-14, 1955; National Hospital Week, May 8-14, 1955; Massachusetts National Guard Week, the week beginning May 15, 1955; Senior Citizens Week, May 15-22, 1955; Chemical Progress Week, May 16-21, 1955; Letters from America Week, May 16-22, 1955; Armed Forces Day, May 21, 1955; National Maritime Day, May 22, 1955; June Dairy Month, the month of June, 1955; National Golf Day, June 4, 1955; Fraternal Week, June 12-18, 1955; Greek Earthquake Relief Week, June 12-19, 1955; Baltic States Freedom Day, June 15, 1955.

PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1955, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division. *Reports*: 23,312 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty-six reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions. *Laws*: 9,000 copies of the 1954 bound edition of the Acts and Resolves, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,080 copies of the 1954 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 7,150 copies of the 1954 Supplement

to the Laws Relating to Retirement Systems and Pensions; 5,120 copies of the General Laws Relating to City Charters, Standard Form of Representative Town Meeting Government and Election of Certain City and Town Officers by Proportional Representation or Preferential Voting, 1954. *Veterans Proceedings*: 602 copies of the Proceedings of the fifty-fourth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1953; 1,005 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1953; 750 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-third Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1953; 453 copies of the Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Marine Corps League, Department of Massachusetts, 1953; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-second Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Department of Massachusetts, 1953; 115 copies of the Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Convention, Italian-American World War Veterans of the United States, Inc., Department of Massachusetts, 1954. *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1954, total 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 29, 1752-53; 1,635 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for the Police Services, 1954-A Edition; 1,570 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for the Police Services, 1955 edition; 2,530 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for the Police Services, 1955-A Edition; 2,625 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for the Police Services, 1955-B Edition; 1,555 copies of the Civil Service Fire Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1955 edition; 3,200 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Guidance of Applicants for Positions as Civil Engineers, Grades 1 and 2, 1955 edition; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1955-56. *Massachusetts Reports*: 475 copies of Volume 330, Massachusetts Reports. *Miscellaneous*: 12,230 copies of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1954; 400 copies of Public Officers of Massachusetts, 1955-56; 425 copies of the edition of the Executive Council Report on the return of votes for State Officers, etc., 1954; making a grand total of 96,832 copies.

The sale of Massachusetts Reports surplus volumes on hand, as authorized by Chapter 57, Resolves of 1950, commenced on January 1, 1951. Of the approximate number of copies available for sale at that time, namely, 90,000 copies, about 2,064 copies were sold during this fiscal year.

PUBLIC RECORDS DIVISION

This division again reports that insufficient personnel has hampered operations. The bill seeking to enlarge this division was again defeated.

The Supervisor of Public Records has spent considerable time working with the Record Custodians in the cities, and towns where records problems exist.

On the state level much is expected from the survey authorized by Chapter 104 of the Resolves of 1955. This should result in clarifying the present legislation and bring about an effective Records Management Program for the Commonwealth.

Standard Record Ink

This department furnishes approved standard record ink for use on public records in the several departments and offices of the Commonwealth and of the counties, cities and towns, in which such records are kept, in accordance with General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 2. Ink supplied to the departments and offices of the Commonwealth is paid for by this department; ink supplied to the counties, cities and towns is paid for by the individual county, city or town.

Violations of Section 4 of Chapter 66, which forbids the use on public records of other than approved standard record ink have been observed. This division has notified all offenders as to the provisions of said Section 4.

A new method of distribution of Record Ink has been arranged. Offices in and near the State House may pick up the ink at Room 252, State House. This will result in a saving on delivery charges and faster, more efficient distribution.

Repairing and Binding

In keeping with the policy of doing some binding in the Department each year several volumes have been repaired and rebound in the Archives, Vital Statistics and Corporation Divisions.

Recommendations for repairing and binding, the necessity for which was observed during inspections, have been made to the proper persons. More volumes of the Massachusetts archives will be bound, subject to the amount appropriated.

Carbon Paper

Revised copies of the list of the brand names of approved carbon papers, the use of which is authorized by Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1950, are available at this office.

Typewriter Ribbons

Revised copies of the list of approved typewriter ribbons are available at this office wherein the approved typewriter ribbons are identified as having successfully passed the Fade-Ometer test.

Stamp Pads and Stamp Pad Inks

Revised copies of the list of approved brands of stamp pads and stamp pad inks are available at this office.

Purchasing agents and other interested persons of the various State departments, cities and towns have been supplied with copies of the above mentioned lists.

Safes and Vaults

This division has available for distribution on request specifications for the construction of fire-proof safes and vaults based on recommendations proposed by the National Fire Protection Association. All improvements to present installations must be completed according to the standards required for new construction.

In several instances new vaults have been recommended to replace antiquated safes and many doors have been changed to the approved 6-hour type.

Several installations of new doors replacing older types have been observed.

REFERENDA

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS

There were no initiative or referendum petitions filed for the fiscal year 1953-4.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 30, Section 37, as amended by Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1951 and Chapter 30, Section 37A, inserted by Chapter 576 of the Acts of 1951, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, or to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law, additional rules and regulations were filed by the following departments, board, commissions and authority during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955: Department of The Adjutant General, Department of Agriculture, Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Education, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works, Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Hurricane Relief Board, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, Metropolitan District Commission, Milk

Control Commission and Outdoor Advertising Authority. The 1952 report listed all rules and regulations on file to June 30, 1952 and the same continue in full force and effect except for such changes as are indicated by the reports here listed as filed between July 1, 1954 and June 30, 1955. The full list on file to June 30, 1955 is as follows:

RULES AND REGULATIONS

DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAVE FILED RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1955

1. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
2. Appellate Tax Board
3. Commission on Administration and Finance
4. Department of Agriculture
 - Agricultural Experiment Station, Massachusetts State College
 - Division of Livestock Disease Control
 - Milk Regulation Board
5. Department of Banking and Insurance
 - Division of Loan Agencies
 - Division of Co-operative Banks
 - Division of Insurance
6. Department of Civil Service and Registration
 - Board of Registration of Barbers
 - Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry)
 - Board of Dental Examiners
 - State Examiners of Electricians
 - Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing
 - Board of Registration in Hairdressers
 - Board of Registration in Medicine
 - Board of Registration in Optometry
 - Board of Registration in Pharmacy
 - Board of State Examiners of Plumbers
 - Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
7. Department of Education
8. Department of Labor and Industries
 - Division of Minimum Wage
 - Minimum Wage Commission
 - Division of Standards and Necessaries of Life
9. Department of Natural Resources
10. Department of Public Health
11. Department of Public Safety
 - State Fire Marshal
 - Board of Boiler Rules
 - State Boxing Commission
 - Board of Elevator Regulations
12. Department of Public Utilities
13. Department of Public Welfare
14. Department of Public Works
 - Bureau of Public Works Airport Management
 - Registry of Motor Vehicles
15. Department of the Adjutant General
16. Division of Employment Security
 - Board of Review
17. Hurricane Relief Board

18. Licensing Board for the City of Boston
19. Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission
Massachusetts State Airport Management Board
20. Metropolitan District Commission
21. Milk Control Commission
22. Outdoor Advertising Authority
23. Sergeant-at-Arms
24. State Racing Commission

VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 46, Section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1954 were received and total 107,900 births and 34,490 marriages, an increase of 2,764 births and a decrease of 2,262 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1953.

Under the provisions of the same statute 51,907 certified copies of deaths were received, a decrease of 646, as compared with the records of 1953.

Medical Examiners' returns for 1954 cover 12,432, an increase of 888 as compared with returns for 1953.

Returns by Clerks of Courts and Registers of Probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1954 number 5,835, a decrease of 506, as compared with the returns of 1953.

From July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955, 10,045 certificates of births, 1,975 certificates of marriages and 2,944 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 14,964 certified copies. Besides these 6,530 were certified abstracts given the Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

In addition to the above, 4,103 records were verified for various government agencies.

The demand for records for military purposes, social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 51,367 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$8,741.10 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount \$7,482.00 was for certified copies of births, marriages and death records; \$151.50 for certificating of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$1,107.60 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. 20,181 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 7,232 references of records of marriages and deaths issued without fee for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 9,649 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records, 682 corrections of marriages and 192 corrections of death records.

Returns of 3,878 names changed in 1954 as decreed by the courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, Chapter 210, Section 12.

MISCELLANEOUS

The reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE
RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION
TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS
OF THE GENERAL LAWS

ALSO

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION
OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY
THE GENERAL COURT

PREPARED BY
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Secretary of the Commonwealth

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

| WHEN RECEIVED | FROM WHOM RECEIVED | TITLE OF ACT | DATE OF ACTION | VOTE | |
|---------------|--|--|----------------|--------|-------|
| | | | | Yes | No |
| 1954 | | | | | |
| July 6 | Town Clerk, West Springfield | An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496) | June 21, 1954 | -1 | - |
| Sept. 2 | City Clerk, Springfield | An Act relative to the operation of the Springfield Municipal Hospital, and the incorporation therein of the existing isolation hospital in the city of Springfield (1953, 221) | Aug. 30, 1954 | -2 | - |
| Sept. 23 | City Clerk, Boston | An Act creating the Brighton Watertown Incinerator Authority and defining its powers and duties (1954, 253) | Sept. 21, 1954 | -3 | - |
| Sept. 23 | City Clerk, Medford | An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish commissions to promote business and industry, and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 297) | Sept. 7, 1954 | -3 | - |
| Sept. 24 | City Clerk, North Adams | An Act requiring the city of North Adams to repay to certain members of its police department their contributions to the contributory retirement system of said city, and establishing their retirement rights (1954, 586) | Sept. 15, 1954 | -3 | - |
| Sept. 27 | Chairman, Hampden County Commissioners | An Act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Hampden to provide adequate elevator accommodations and facilities for the superior court building at Springfield (1953, 403) | July 28, 1954 | -4 | - |
| Sept. 30 | Town Clerk, Norwood | An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish commissions to promote business and industry, and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 297) | Sept. 27, 1954 | -3 | - |
| Oct. 20 | Town Clerk, Winchendon | An Act giving permanent civil service status to George S. Higgins, a patrolman of the town of Winchendon (1954, 205) | Oct. 14, 1954 | 177 | 3 |
| Oct. 28 | City Clerk, Boston | An Act empowering the Boston Traffic Commission to provide by rule or regulation for the removal of vehicles parked or standing in violation of law on public ways in the downtown area of the city of Boston (1954, 369) | Oct. 26, 1954 | -3 | - |
| Oct. 28 | Town Clerk, North Reading | An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish commissions to promote business and industry, and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 297) | Oct. 18, 1954 | -1 | - |
| Oct. 28 | Town Clerk, North Reading | An Act to authorize towns to establish interim commissions to promote business and industry and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 511) | Oct. 18, 1954 | -1 | - |
| Nov. 5 | Town Clerk, Plymouth | An Act creating the Plymouth Paganet Authority (1954, 358) | Nov. 2, 1954 | 2,075 | 2,221 |
| Nov. 5 | Town Clerk, Randolph | An Act establishing a selectmen-town manager form of government for the town of Randolph (1954, 255) | Nov. 2, 1954 | 2,457 | 1,857 |
| Nov. 5 | Town Clerk, Athol | An Act establishing in the town of Athol representative town government by limited town meetings (1954, 382) | Nov. 2, 1954 | 1,991 | 2,228 |
| Nov. 8 | Town Clerk, Scituate | An Act establishing a selectmen-manager form of government for the town of Scituate (1953, 417) | Nov. 2, 1954 | 1,457 | 1,929 |
| Nov. 10 | City Clerk, Malden | An Act authorizing the city of Malden to establish a public works commission (1954, 384) | Nov. 2, 1954 | 15,450 | 4,750 |
| Nov. 10 | Town Clerk, Ipswich | An Act establishing a selectmen-executive-secretary form of government for the town of Ipswich (1954, 620) | Nov. 2, 1954 | 2,136 | 856 |
| Nov. 10 | Town Clerk, Natick | An Act providing for non-partisan preliminary elections in the town of Natick, and regulating the contents of ballots used at elections in said town (1954, 431) | Nov. 2, 1954 | 3,937 | 3,392 |
| Nov. 10 | City Clerk, Malden | An Act providing for the division of ward six into two wards and increasing to eight the number of wards in the city of Malden (1954, 500) | Nov. 2, 1954 | 13,755 | 5,966 |
| Nov. 12 | City Clerk, Fitchburg | An Act relative to the salaries of the mayor and city council of the city of Fitchburg (1954, 639) | Nov. 2, 1954 | 6,015 | 8,037 |
| Nov. 15 | City Clerk, Newton | An Act to provide for the division of the city of Newton into eight wards and to increase the number of aldermen to twenty-four and the number of members of the school committee to eight (1954, 532) | Nov. 2, 1954 | 24,648 | 7,149 |

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| Dec. 15 | City Clerk, Somerville | An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781) | Dec. 14, 1954 | - | - |
| Dec. 20 | City Clerk, Worcester | An Act relative to liens for water rates and charges (1954, 487) | Dec. 14, 1954 | - | - |
| 1955 | | | | | |
| Jan. 7 | Town Clerk, Weymouth | An Act to authorize towns to establish interim commissions to promote business and industry and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 511) | Oct. 4, 1954 | - | - |
| Mar. 15 | Town Clerk, Concord | An Act establishing a selectmen-manager form of government for the town of Concord (1952, 280) | Mar. 7, 1955 | 1,386 | 1,242 |
| Mar. 9 | Town Clerk, Shrewsbury | An Act exempting the manager of the electric light department of the town of Shrewsbury from the civil service laws and rules, and relative to the powers of the town manager of said town (1955, 68) | Mar. 7, 1955 | 1,029 | 1,005 |
| Mar. 11 | City Clerk, Revere | An Act relative to the tenure of office of the present director of the Revere Youth Commission (1955, 77) | Mar. 9, 1955 | - | - |
| Mar. 17 | City Clerk, Lowell | An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish commissions to promote business and industry, and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 297) | Mar. 15, 1955 | - | - |
| Mar. 24 | Town Clerk, Amesbury | An Act establishing in the town of Amesbury representative town government by limited town meetings (1953, 6) | Mar. 14, 1955 | 1,697 | 1,221 |
| Mar. 24 | Town Clerk, Hull | An Act relative to increasing the amount of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624) | Mar. 7, 1955 | - | - |
| Apr. 4 | Town Clerk, Marblehead | An Act providing that certain town meeting votes shall be subject to a referendum in the town of Marblehead (1954, 405) | Mar. 21, 1955 | - | - |
| Apr. 13 | City Clerk, Boston | An Act authorizing the city of Boston to sell certain park land therein to the Hebrew Home for Aged (1955, 36) | Apr. 12, 1955 | - | - |
| Apr. 14 | Clerk, Union Congregational Church in Westford | An Act establishing the First Parish Church United of Westford and authorizing the transfer of certain property by the Union Congregational Church in Westford and the First Congregational Parish (Unitarian) in Westford, Massachusetts, to said First Parish Church United of Westford (1955, 144) | April 11, 1955 | -7 | - |
| Apr. 14 | Clerk, First Congregational Parish (Unitarian) in Westford, Massachusetts | An Act establishing the First Parish Church United of Westford and authorizing the transfer of certain property by the Union Congregational Church in Westford and the First Congregational Parish (Unitarian) in Westford, Massachusetts, to said First Parish Church United of Westford (1955, 144) | Apr. 11, 1955 | -8 | - |
| Apr. 15 | City Clerk, Boston | An Act relative to rent control (1955, 225) | Apr. 5, 1955 | -3 | - |
| Apr. 15 | City Clerk, Brockton | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 14, 1955 | -3 | - |
| Apr. 15 | City Clerk, Cambridge | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 11, 1955 | -2 | - |
| Apr. 15 | City Clerk, Chelsea | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 2, 1955 | -9 | - |
| Apr. 15 | City Clerk, Chicopee | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 8, 1955 | -9 | - |
| Apr. 15 | Assistant City Clerk, Haverhill | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 12, 1955 | -2 | - |
| Apr. 15 | City Clerk, Holyoke | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 7, 1955 | -9 | - |
| Apr. 15 | City Clerk, Lawrence | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 11, 1955 | -2 | - |
| Apr. 15 | City Clerk, Lowell | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 6, 1955 | -2 | - |
| Apr. 15 | City Clerk, Malden | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 5, 1955 | -6 | - |
| Apr. 15 | City Clerk, Marlborough | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 8, 1955 | -2 | - |
| Apr. 15 | City Clerk, Medford | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 5, 1955 | -2 | - |
| Apr. 15 | City Clerk, Revere | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 4, 1955 | -1 | - |
| Apr. 15 | Town Clerk, Swampscott | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 4, 1955 | -1 | - |
| Apr. 15 | City Clerk, Holyoke | An Act authorizing a city or town to grant annuities and to increase certain retirement allowances, pensions and annuities of certain officials and employees or to their surviving spouses or children (1953, 387) | Mar. 15, 1955 | -6 | - |
| Apr. 18 | City Clerk, Medford | An Act relative to annual vacations for certain employees of certain cities and towns (1952, 488) | Apr. 12, 1955 | -3 | - |

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—Continued

| WHEN RECEIVED | FROM WHOM RECEIVED | TITLE OF ACT | DATE OF ACTION | VOTE | |
|---------------|---------------------------|---|----------------|------|----|
| | | | | Yes | No |
| 1955 | | | | | |
| Apr. 18 | City Clerk, Chicopee | An Act authorizing the city of Chicopee to sell and convey to Oscar Dion a portion of Nash Field in said city (1955, 166) | Apr. 8, 1955 | 4 | — |
| Apr. 21 | Town Clerk, Shrewsbury | An Act authorizing the town of Shrewsbury to construct and operate a system of sewerage and sewage disposal (1954, 502) | Apr. 4, 1955 | — | — |
| Apr. 30 | Town Clerk, Brookline | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 26, 1955 | 1 | — |
| Apr. 30 | Town Clerk, Clinton | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 28, 1955 | 1 | — |
| Apr. 30 | City Clerk, Everett | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 18, 1955 | 50 | 10 |
| Apr. 30 | City Clerk, Fall River | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 21, 1955 | 3 | — |
| Apr. 30 | City Clerk, Fitchburg | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 18, 1955 | 3 | — |
| Apr. 30 | City Clerk, Lynn | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 25, 1955 | 3 | — |
| Apr. 30 | City Clerk, New Bedford | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 20, 1955 | 3 | — |
| Apr. 30 | Town Clerk, North Andover | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 27, 1955 | 1 | — |
| Apr. 30 | Town Clerk, Northbridge | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 25, 1955 | 1 | — |
| Apr. 30 | City Clerk, Salem | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 28, 1955 | 2 | — |
| Apr. 30 | City Clerk, Somerville | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 26, 1955 | 9 | — |
| Apr. 30 | City Clerk, Springfield | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 25, 1955 | 2 | — |
| Apr. 30 | City Clerk, Waltham | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 25, 1955 | 2 | — |
| Apr. 30 | City Clerk, Woburn | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 20, 1955 | 3 | — |
| Apr. 30 | City Clerk, Worcester | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 20, 1955 | 3 | — |
| Apr. 30 | Town Clerk, Framingham | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 20, 1955 | — | — |
| Apr. 30 | Town Clerk, Maynard | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 20, 1955 | — | — |
| May 5 | City Clerk, Boston | Same act as above (1955, 225) | Apr. 25, 1955 | 1 | — |
| May 11 | Town Clerk, Fairhaven | An Act to make persons employed by the trustees of the George Robert White Fund in the city of Boston eligible for membership in the State-Boston retirement system (1955, 309) | May 3, 1955 | 55 | 42 |
| May 11 | Town Clerk, Fairhaven | An Act clarifying the acceptance of the provisions of the civil service laws by the town of Fairhaven (1954, 28) | May 3, 1955 | 3 | — |
| May 19 | City Clerk, Somerville | An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to pay certain medical expenses of John J. Curtin, a disabled retired police officer of said city (1955, 341) | Mar. 13, 1954 | 3 | — |
| May 20 | City Clerk, Cambridge | An Act relative to the compensation of certain election officers in the city of Cambridge (1955, 60) | May 12, 1955 | 3 | — |
| May 20 | City Clerk, Worcester | An Act authorizing off-street parking facilities in the city of Worcester (1955, 365) | May 16, 1955 | 2 | — |
| May 20 | City Clerk, Worcester | An Act authorizing off-street parking facilities in the city of Worcester (1955, 365) | May 17, 1955 | 2 | — |

¹Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

²Accepted by the city council.

³Accepted by the mayor and city council.

⁴Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampden County.

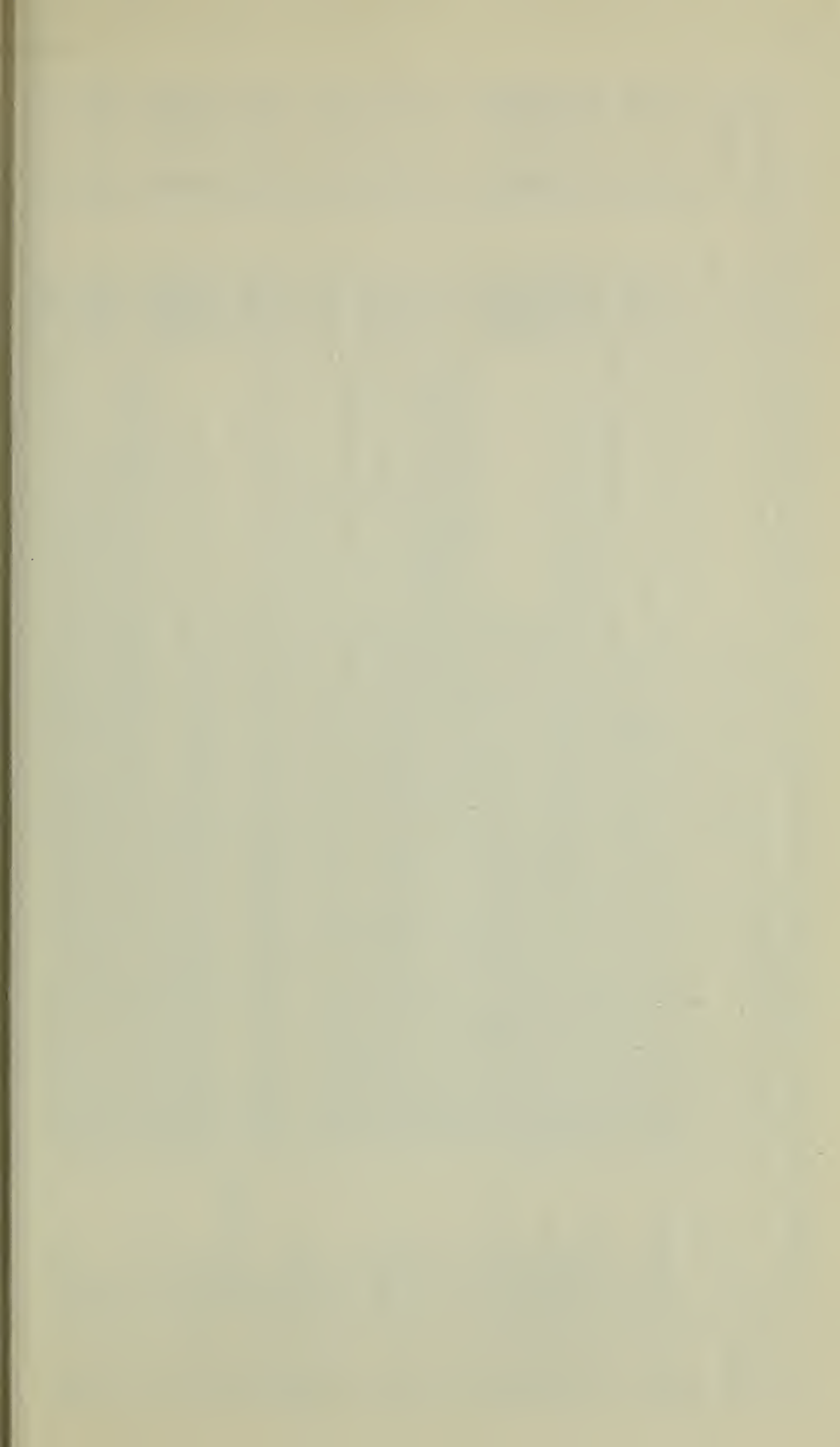
⁵Adopted by unanimous vote.

⁶Accepted by the board of aldermen.

⁷Accepted by the Union Congregational Church in Westford.

⁸Accepted by the First Congregational Parish (Unitarian) in Westford.

⁹Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.



RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

| WHEN RECEIVED | CITY OR TOWN | SUBJECT AND REFERENCE | ACTION | DATE OF ACTION |
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| 1954 | | | | |
| July 6 | West Springfield | Absent voting at regular town elections, G. L. 54, s. 103A, as amended | Accepted | June 21, 1954 |
| July 9 | Medford | Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B) | Accepted | July 6, 1954 |
| Aug. 9 | Revere | Creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns, 1954, 268 (G. L. 32, s. 851) | Accepted | Aug. 5, 1954 |
| Sept. 17 | North Adams | Retirement allowances for school janitors in certain cities and towns, 1945, 708, s. 1 (G. L. 32, s. 45A) | Accepted | Sept. 15, 1954 |
| Oct. 14 | Chatham | Licensed operation on the Lord's day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G. L. 136, s. 4B) | Accepted | Oct. 11, 1954 |
| Oct. 14 | Brookton | Repair by cities and towns of private ways therein open to public use, 1953, 386, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 6F) | Accepted | Oct. 27, 1954 |
| Oct. 27 | North Reading | Absent voting at regular town elections, G. L. 54, s. 103A, as amended | Accepted | Oct. 18, 1954 |
| Nov. 4 | Harvard | Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111, as amended | Accepted | Nov. 2, 1954 |
| Nov. 8 | Leiden | Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28 | Rejected | Nov. 2, 1954 |
| Nov. 8 | Gay Head | Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28 | Rejected | Nov. 2, 1954 |
| Nov. 8 | East Longmeadow | Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111, as amended | Accepted | Nov. 2, 1954 |
| Nov. 15 | Chelsea | Indemnification by cities and towns of officers or employees for damages, etc., incurred on account of injuries arising out of their operation of publicly owned motor vehicles, G. L. 41, s. 100A, as amended | Accepted | Nov. 8, 1954 |
| Nov. 19 | Worcester | Additional day off duty or, under certain circumstances, an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when they are required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A) | Accepted | Nov. 16, 1954 |
| Nov. 19 | Worcester | Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A) | Accepted | Nov. 16, 1954 |
| Nov. 30 | Pittsfield | Pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees, 1950, 740 (G. L. 180, s. 17A) | Accepted | Nov. 24, 1954 |
| Dec. 2 | Cambridge | Pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees, 1950, 740 (G. L. 180, s. 17A) | Accepted | Nov. 29, 1954 |
| Dec. 31 | Revere | Overtime service by police officers of certain cities and towns, 1954, 573 (G. L. 41, s. 111H) | Accepted | Dec. 27, 1954 |
| 1955 | | | | |
| Jan. 4 | Chelsea | Response of fire departments to calls for aid from other cities, etc., 1949, 77 (G. L. 48, s. 59A) | Accepted | Dec. 27, 1954 |
| Jan. 7 | Revere | Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A) | Accepted | Jan. 3, 1955 |
| Jan. 7 | Hadley Water Supply District, Hadley | Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A-42F, as amended | Accepted | Nov. 4, 1954 |
| Jan. 7 | Asbland | Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry, 1954, 297, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 8A) | Accepted | Oct. 20, 1954 |
| Jan. 7 | Weymouth | Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry, 1954, 297, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 8A) | Accepted | Oct. 4, 1954 |
| Jan. 7 | Everett | Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A-42F | Accepted | Dec. 31, 1954 |
| Jan. 17 | Everett | Workmen's compensation for foremen, sub-foremen and inspectors, 1927, 309, s. 12 (G. L. 152, s. 69) | Accepted | Dec. 10, 1954 |
| Feb. 17 | Revere | Additional day off duty or, under certain circumstances, an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when they are required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A) | Accepted | Feb. 14, 1955 |
| Feb. 25 | Gardner | Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry, 1954, 297, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 8A) | Accepted | Feb. 9, 1955 |
| Mar. 4 | Bourne | Removal of snow and ice from private ways open to public use, 1943, 225 (G. L. 40, s. 6C) | Accepted | Feb. 16, 1955 |
| Mar. 4 | Bourne | Five-day week for police in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C) | Accepted | Feb. 16, 1955 |
| Mar. 4 | Holyoke | Creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns, 1954, 268 (G. L. 32, s. 851) | Accepted | Feb. 14, 1955 |
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| Mar. 17 | Marshfield | Payment of betterment assessments in installments over a period of twenty years, 1954, 286 (G. L. 80, s. 13) | Accepted | Mar. 10, 1955 |
| Mar. 18 | Wilington | Regulating the hours of duty of permanent members of fire departments in certain cities and towns, G. L. 48, s. 58A | Accepted | Mar. 12, 1955 |
| Mar. 21 | Milton | Creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns, 1954, 288 (G. L. 32, s. 85f) | Accepted | Mar. 12, 1955 |
| Mar. 22 | Marblehead | Creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns, 1954, 288 (G. L. 32, s. 85f) | Accepted | Mar. 14, 1955 |
| Mar. 23 | West Springfield | Pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees, 1950, 740 (G. L. 180, s. 17A) | Accepted | Mar. 14, 1955 |
| Mar. 23 | Chicopee | Making of repairs on private ways by cities and towns, 1953, 386 (G. L. 40, s. 6F) | Accepted | Mar. 22, 1955 |
| Mar. 24 | Sandwich | Pertaining to smoke nuisance G. L. 140, ss. 132-136, as amended | Accepted | Mar. 21, 1955 |
| Mar. 24 | Mansfield | Collection by collector of accounts G. L. 41, s. 38A | Accepted | Feb. 28, 1955 |
| Mar. 24 | Amesbury | Establishment of department of public works in towns, authorized 1953, 101 (G. L. 41, ss. 69C-69F) | Accepted | Mar. 14, 1955 |
| Mar. 27 | Hull | Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710 (G. L. 85, s. 11A) | Accepted | Mar. 7, 1955 |
| Mar. 27 | Hull | Pertaining to the licensing of dancing schools, G. L. 40, s. 185H | Accepted | Mar. 7, 1955 |
| Mar. 28 | Manchester | Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B | Accepted | Mar. 14, 1955 |
| Mar. 28 | Weymouth | Payment of premiums for group life insurance for certain town employees, 1952, 239 (G. L. 40, s. 5, clause 44) | Accepted | Mar. 7, 1955 |
| Mar. 29 | Frammingham | Overtime service by police officers of certain cities and towns, 1953, 293 (G. L. 41, s. 111H) | Accepted | Mar. 21, 1955 |
| Apr. 1 | Brookline | Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A) | Accepted | Mar. 29, 1955 |
| Apr. 1 | Brookline | Additional day's pay or an additional day off duty for fire fighters in certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A) | Accepted | Mar. 29, 1955 |
| Apr. 5 | North Andover | Overtime service by police officers of certain cities and towns, 1954, 573 (G. L. 41, s. 111H) | Accepted | Mar. 29, 1955 |
| Apr. 6 | Norwood | Overtime service by police officers of certain cities and towns, 1954, 573 (G. L. 41, s. 111H) | Accepted | Mar. 19, 1955 |
| Apr. 6 | Westfield | Creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns, 1954, 268 (G. L. 32, s. 85f) | Accepted | Mar. 31, 1955 |
| Apr. 7 | Winthrop | Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A) | Accepted | Mar. 31, 1955 |
| Apr. 7 | Winthrop | Additional day's pay or an additional day off duty for fire fighters in certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A) | Accepted | Apr. 4, 1955 |
| Apr. 11 | Belmont | Relating to the labor service of the town, under civil service, G. L. 31, s. 47 | Accepted | Apr. 4, 1955 |
| Apr. 12 | Marblehead | Establishment of sidewalks, G. L. 83, s. 25 | Accepted | Apr. 20, 1955 |
| Apr. 12 | Kingston | Establishment of planning board, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, s. 81A) | Accepted | Mar. 15, 1955 |
| Apr. 14 | Rockland | Vacations for police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D) | Accepted | Mar. 19, 1955 |
| Apr. 18 | Chicopee | Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A-42F, as amended | Accepted | Mar. 12, 1955 |
| Apr. 20 | Watertown | Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A) | Accepted | Apr. 8, 1955 |
| Apr. 20 | Watertown | Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for fire fighters in certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A) | Accepted | Apr. 4, 1955 |
| Apr. 21 | Shrewsbury | Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A-42F, as amended | Accepted | Apr. 4, 1955 |
| Apr. 21 | Shrewsbury | Assessment of cost of public improvements, G. L. 80, s. 1 | Accepted | Apr. 4, 1955 |
| Apr. 25 | Natick | Creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns, 1954, 268 (G. L. 32, s. 85f) | Accepted | Mar. 28, 1955 |
| May 4 | North Andover | Sick leave for laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by certain cities and towns, G. L. 41, s. 111B, as amended | Accepted | Mar. 23, 1955 |
| May 27 | Westwood | Repair by cities and towns of private ways, 1951, 299 (G. L. 40, s. 6E) | Accepted | Apr. 27, 1955 |
| May 31 | Saugus | Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B) | Accepted | Mar. 14, 1955 |
| May 31 | Saugus | To amend the zoning enabling law, G. L. 40A, s. 20 | Accepted | May 16, 1955 |
| May 31 | North Andover | No loss of pay or vacation for certain state and municipal employees in militia, 1954, 590 (G. L. 33, s. 59) | Accepted | Apr. 27, 1955 |

